

LET'S TALK IT OVER

BEING under great blows from East and West simultaneously and battered from the relentless seas. The Third Reich is collapsing into military, political and economic ruin before our eyes. "One good, strong blow, all together," says Mr. Churchill, will end the war in Europe. It looks like it. Indeed, the dramatic crossing of the Rhine by the American First Army was almost unopposed, and now German morale is crumbling from this mortal shock.

Hitler's stupefied Empire, built to last a thousand years, is visibly cracking from the foundation. The demolition work by the Allies must soon complete its utter destruction. Even Dr. Goebbels can read the writing on the tottering walls. "The war will end suddenly," he says, but adds—with more truth than he knows—that "it last phase will be full of opportunities for peoples determined to shape history."

Unfortunately for him and his accomplices, the German people no longer want to make history. They want to forget it. They want to forget it. In occupied territory they are already fawning upon their conquerors, living with one another and telling them that they hated the Nazis from the very start.

There is something sickening about this death-bed repentance of the *Führer*. And if we are not careful, it won't be long before soft-hearted soldiers and fools in this country, and in America, too, will be echoing their plea that it was not really of their making; that they were driven into it by their wicked leaders. But who chose these leaders? Who put Hitler and the Nazi Party into power? None but the German people, who by the most overwhelming vote ever recorded and with a tumultuous acclamation acclaimed him as history.

I would be rash to assume that front-line soldiers are so secure on the bank of the Rhine as cheaply and as quickly as this has been. Moreover, we cannot yet be sure that Marshal Zhukov, even though he has so magnificently secured his right flank on the Baltic, has yet decided upon an all-out drive for Berlin.

But the most cautious student of events can no longer exclude the possibility of the enemy's sudden capitulation. For his situation is desperate in every recovery.

"Man of the People" without

guessing at a victory date, is confident that the end is within sight and must come soon.

Nor would he be surprised to learn that frantic emissaries from Germany have already approached Allied leaders, begging in many ways that they be literally "unconditional" surrender.

There is none. The German people must be made to witness the complete destruction of their military power.

The chance is that there will be a formal armistice. "The Three" seem rather to envisage the total destruction of the German Army as a coherent fighting force—they will declare the war at an end, warning every German who continues to bear arms thereafter that they will be regarded as an outlaw and shot when captured.

WHAT it behoves us all to remember is that the time is coming when the Nazis will be killed. Not only Southern, but recently Northern England also, has suffered, and is suffering still, from the final results of the Hun.

Your correspondent, working under a veil of anonymity, is disposed to make light of these "damages and casualties" as being recorded day by day and many hundreds of our fellow-countrymen and women, even though they escape death or injury themselves, are being suddenly rendered homeless, or left to face a bleak future in bomb-damaged dwellings.

If it lay in Hitler's power, it could be doubted that he would blast our "safest"—and to him most harmless—towns and villages over the sea before his own doom comes upon him.

Fortunately, his power to harm us is dwindling. Sir Archibald Sinclair, in his latest review of the air war, has told us that we cannot at present prevent the Nazis from launching suicidal attacks on our V-weapons.

But he has also led us to infer that this form of enemy air attack will end once the Allies control the skies. The enemy is doing sites—not think of them, one supposes, in Holland—and the Allies do not think we shall have to wait for this immense relief.

No matter what may befall during the next few weeks, civilians have got to "stick it." The major plan for the destruction of "Hitlerism" will unfold without regard to "minor considerations."

And, in this connection, it is to be noted that the British and American Air Forces have dropped upon Cologne, prior to its occupation, more than one hundred times the lethal weight of bombs which the Luftwaffe has been able to drop on the whole course of the war!

This is a staggering fact. Your correspondent, who is in London, has seen the damage done to our metropolis. But London has, or had, a population of some eight millions and Cologne was a city of barely one million.

Many of us have found it hard to believe that our air attacks were actually doing the damage which was claimed for them. Now we have proof in the truly awe-inspiring photographs which show that we are to us from the west bank of the Rhine.

Never has retribution been more complete and more certain. The one thing which astonished when it came, was that so many Germans had been able to live through such appalling punishment.

They were able to do this solely because the enemy, with far less than our preparation, was haphazardly constructed deep shelters capable of protecting only a few thousand people.

Many of them were begged to build deep shelters by men who fought in the Spanish civil war. They would not even open the doors to the shelters, and the hand Londoners forced their way in.

They were proud, quite justifiably, of the way we could "take it," but it did not seem to them that the German people's unproductive resistance was a waste of time.

There may be a moral in this for both the leaders and the led.

IN war time, when victory is what matters most to everybody, it is not surprising that "take it" or put up with, many hardships and some harsh inequities.

Provided, however, that the Government of the day has a satisfactory program behind each fresh call upon the public to sacrifice to expect the nation's victory.

Minister or official has any right to demand needless sacrifice from the public, unless he can expect us to be equally ready to accept the peace returns.

It is, of thousands of well-meaning "losers" are in for a rude shock. And the Government itself might get off as the next election unless, meanwhile, it does its utmost to prove with some visible performance.

The other evening your correspondent listened entranced to the radio story of "The Harbour at Mauthausen." Probably many of you did so, too, and were equally thrilled with pride and pride by the record of this wonderful and splendid and purely British achievement.

"D-Day" would not have been accomplished without the aid of the "Mauthausen" prisoners. We should not have been able to do this without the aid of the "Mauthausen" prisoners. We should not have been able to do this without the aid of the "Mauthausen" prisoners.

Present trouble, no so much, is high cost of living. Even the tiniest seeds cost so much more than they used to.

Pre-war, he says, you could buy a bushel of wheat for a penny and a bushel of barley for a penny. Now you can buy a bushel of wheat for a penny and a bushel of barley for a penny.

Of course you can cash your ration tickets, but you can't get the same old ration tickets. Of course you can cash your ration tickets, but you can't get the same old ration tickets.

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"Man of the People with no things that matter to you & me."



miracle of two artificial harbours each the size of Dover. But, I ask you, if our country, under the stress of war, to the mother, it is good news, why, in the name of common-sense, should it be impossible to house the population decently for many years to come?

SWEDEN, I see, is to supply Britain with a certain number of prefabricated houses under the Anglo-Swedish monetary agreement. How many of these will be delivered and set up here, even with the 300,000 houses which America has promised us, three countries will not be enough to stop anything more than a tiny gap in our requirements.

The truth is that we need between four and five million new homes and we need them very soon, even if the war is too long to have to wait for them.

This is a job which ought to be tackled at once and in a big way. It calls for the use of imagination and courage.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

THERE'S no more valuable form of weeding than planning your own bad habits.

holding machine which produced the Mauthausen Harbours.

The whole country should put its back into it. The Government tells us that "it can't do so," but it can't do so because it can't do so.

For more than five years now we have had to share houses, take shelter in cellars, in lodgings, pay for the use of any sort of accommodation, and watch prices of food and property soaring.

But the war in Europe will be over, soon, and we take it that the Government will be able to do something about it.

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any more of this nonsense being said, we shall have only ourselves to blame. For the Ministers of the Crown are also the servants of the public and in the last analysis, they must take the public's order.

ALTHOUGH I still think that, in nine cases out of ten, it will make no practical difference whether the new family Allowance of six shillings a week for all children after the first is paid to the father or to the mother, it is good news that this issue is to be left to a free vote of the House.

Apparently a large majority wants the money to go direct to the mothers, but, of course, really matters is that it should be spent upon the children.

Now we do not yet know when the Government will begin to pay back with one half part of what they are simply promised for some time after the war, and as up to politicians, the people and the Press to see that the children are not kept waiting unnecessarily long.

Your correspondent accepts the need for a little patience. What he cannot accept for a moment is the Government's policy of putting a week for the children should be subject to Income Tax. Surely there could never be a more outrageous instance of robbing Peter to pay Paul, surely.

He looked around for a moment, and he meant to say it by his court. He was fighting machine which his father had fondly assembled.

Everywhere, in all his dealings, he was Machiavellian, aggressive, ruthless in diplomacy, devoid of moral scruples, devoid of scruples.

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DID YOU KNOW—

YIDDISH Castle is a separate parish of its own free, from the rest of the country?

THE Pope owns the world's largest private watch, valued at £10,000.

Since the war began, British soldiers have been sent down more than 7,000,000 miles.

In this country the law has been broken by the bestowing of Christian names.

The moult, a European bird, is the most perfect in its native habits of Corica, Spain, and the best of its kind.

'No' To Mr. Schickelgruber!

FOR QUITE A WHILE HITLER HAS BEEN PROMISING HIS GERMAN THAT IN THE NOT SO LONG HE WILL REPEL THEIR ENEMIES ON EVERY SIDE—JUST AS FREDERICK THE GREAT DID TWO CENTURIES AGO.

Before we can understand who Freddy was, and the nature of his fame, we must know his poppa, Frederick William, who ruled two small, sparsely populated strips of territory on the shores of the Baltic Sea, namely, Brandenburg and Prussia.

Now, though his people numbered little more than a couple of millions, from whom, at the most, he could recruit only a hundred thousand soldiers, Frederick William became exceedingly army conscious.

Every day he had his courtiers, and he had his military requirements. Like his father, he was a soldier, and he put his sons before him.

IN 1710 Frederick William died, and his son, Frederick, who, up to now, had been a soldier, took over the reins of power. He was a soldier, and he was a soldier.

But when he came to the throne, he was a soldier, and he was a soldier. He was a soldier, and he was a soldier.

He turned over to his son, and he was a soldier. He was a soldier, and he was a soldier.

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SECRET SERVICE NEWS

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